

**SB 27 By Senator Dupre**

**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS IT LEFT THE SENATE**

FUNDS/FUNDING. Constitutional amendment to change name of Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Fund to Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund, and provide that certain federal revenues received by the state generated from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas activity shall be credited to the fund and used only for certain purposes

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Designated duplicate of HB 139 and Conforming Amendments adopted which do the only following:
  - (a) Changes name of fund to Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund in Const. Art. VII, §10(D)(2)(e) as is accomplished throughout the rest of the bill.
  - (b) Removes the provisions directing that all references in the constitution and law to the Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Fund mean the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS IT LEFT THE SENATE**

---

The original instrument was prepared by Jerry G. Jones. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by J. W. Wiley.

---

**DIGEST**

Dupre (SB 27)

Proposed constitutional amendment changes name of the Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Fund to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund.

Proposed constitutional amendment relative to coastal protection and restoration provides that, subject to "8g" and Bond Security and Redemption Fund requirements, federal revenues received by the state generated from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas activity and eligible, as provided by federal law, to be used for the purposes of the proposed law shall be deposited and credited by the treasurer to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund.

Proposed constitutional amendment further provides that such federal revenues credited to the fund shall be used only for the purposes of coastal protection, including conservation, coastal restoration, hurricane protection, and infrastructure directly impacted by coastal wetland losses.

Proposed constitutional amendment further provides that the fund balance limitations provided in Art. VII, §10.2(B) of the Louisiana Constitution that require the balance amount not exceed an amount provided by law, and be not less than \$500 million, this

limitation does not apply to Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas revenues deposited to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund.

Specifies submission of amendment to the voters at the next statewide election to be held on April 29, 2006, or as otherwise provided by law.

Further specifies that Act No. 513 of the 2005 Regular Session (previously proposed constitutional amendment) is repealed, the amendment to the constitution proposed in such Act is withdrawn, and the secretary of state is ordered not to include the proposition contained in that Act on the ballot for the next statewide election.

(Amends Art. VII, Sec. 10.2 and 10.5(B) and (C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the original bill.

1. Provides that the fund balance limitations required in Art VII, §10.2(B) of the Louisiana Constitution shall not apply to federal Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas revenues received by the state.
2. Provides that references in the constitution or law to the Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Fund shall mean the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund.
3. Adds technical change in Art. VII, §10.5(B) and (C) to change the name of the fund.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Changes election date from next statewide election to April 29, 2006, or as otherwise provided by law.

---

Thomas L. Tyler  
Deputy Chief of Staff